

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: February 06, 2008

Place: Room 19

Convened: 2/6/2008
10:25 AM

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Adjourned: 2/6/2008
11:10 AM

Present: Senators Danielson-CH, Appel-VC, Hahn-RM, Hartsuch, Stewart
Representatives Hunter-CH, Kelley-VC, Alons-RM, Drake, Gaskill, M., Jochum, Kressig,
Wiencek, Worthan

Absent: None

Excused: None

The Administration and Regulation Subcommittee was called to order at 10:25 a.m. on February 6, 2008.

Roll was taken and quorum was present.

Charlie Krogmeier, Director of the Department of Management, presented a status quo budget to the committee to carry out current programs.

Krogmeier stated that the 770,000 dollars appropriated to the Local Government Innovation Fund last year has not been used. His reasoning was that only 11 of 21 appointments to the commission have been filled hitherto.

Krogmeier said 300,000 dollars appropriated to the Center for Governing Excellence was insufficient to adequately engage a staff in a productive innovative process.

Co-Chair Sen. Danielson said this was a disappointment, and that only a state-wide initiative can drive innovation at the local level.

Auditor of State David Vaudt also delivered a presentation to the committee. He requested an additional 63,000 dollars for the next fiscal year to pay for special reports. 26 such reports were completed in 2007, and 24 reports are currently in works this year.

Vaudt highlighted his office's average rate of 65 dollars per audit, with the scale varying between 29 and 93 dollars according to experience levels of involved CPAs.

Vaudt explained the difficulty of budgeting for a year, saying different cities require audits at varying frequencies. This volatility means staff size is constantly fluctuating according to need.

Rep. Gaskill moved to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

Senator Jeff Danielson

Joe Winn, Committee Secretary